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(HABITAT II)

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and
organizational matters

# ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

*Note by the secretariat*

1. *Adoption of the agenda and organizational matters.*

Provisional agenda for the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.165/PC.3/1) - *For decision*.

Annotations to the provisional agenda: Note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/1/Add.1) - Annex I and II - *For decision*.

State of preparedness of documents for the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) as at 11 December 1995, (A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.1) - *For information*.

List of documents before the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.2) - *For information*.

2. *Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and of local authorities in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision II/4 of the Preparatory Committee.*

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and local authorities: Report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.165/PC.3/2) - *For decision*.

3. *Status of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

(a) *Trust Funds;*
(b) *Status of review reports and of other substantive documentation to be submitted to the Conference;*
(c) *Public information programme;*
(d) *Partner forums;*
(e) *Organization of the Conference, including rules of procedures;*
(f) *Best practices and exhibition.*

Progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the activities of the Conference Secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3) - *For decision*

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The future of human settlements: Good policy can make a difference: Executive summary (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3/Add.1) - *For decision*.

The future of human settlements: Good policy can make a difference: Note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/CRP.2) - *For information*.

Report of the regional ministerial meetings on preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.3) - *For information*.

Report of the Dubai International Conference on Best Practices in Improving the Living Environment. (A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.4) - *For information*.

"The Learning Year": Calendar of Events. (A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.5) - *For information*.

4. *Outcome of the Conference: draft statement of principles and commitments and global plan of action*

Draft Statement of Principles and Commitments and Global Plan of Action: Report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.165/PC.3/4) - *For decision*.

Report of the Informal Drafting Group of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.1) - *For decision*.

Co-ordination and co-operation within the U.N. system in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda: Report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.2) - *For decision*.

Matters arising out of the deliberations of the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifteenth session, Nairobi, 24 April - 1 May 1995: Note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.3) - *For decision*.

New objectives, role and place of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) within the United Nations system: Note by the Secretariat. (A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.4 - *For decision*.

Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies which are brought to the attention of the Preparatory Committee: Note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/CRP.1) - *For information*.

5. *Provisional agenda of the Conference*

Provisional agenda of the Conference (A/CONF.165/PC.3/5) - *For decision*.

6. *Other matters*

7. *Adoption of the report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee on its third session.*

*Annex I*

# PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR THE THIRD SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR HABITAT II

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The Committee may find it conducive to the efficient conduct of its work during the third substantive session to adopt the specific organizational arrangements as set out below.

(a) *The Bureau*

2. The bureau of the Preparatory Committee consists of a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, elected with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution among the groups. At the first and second substantive sessions of the Committee two of the Vice-Chairpersons were designated to chair the Working Groups of the Whole referred to below. The remaining Vice-Chairperson assisted the Chairperson of the Committee directly in his duties. The Committee may wish to adopt the same arrangement of work as was done at the first and second substantive sessions.

(b) *Working Groups of the Whole*

3. Bearing in mind the decisions which were taken at the second substantive session of the Committee regarding the organization of the work of its second session, the Committee may find it advisable to establish two Working Groups of the Whole: Working Group I and Working Group II. Working Group I would be given responsibility for item 3 and Working Group II would be given responsibility for item 4 with the remaining items being considered in the Plenary.

(c) *Proposed Timetable*

4. The attached annex II contains the Bureau's suggestions concerning the organizational aspects of and timetable for the third substantive session. In this connection, attention is drawn to the fact that the Bureau has made the following proposals regarding the organization of the session:

(a) not to have a general debate, following the practice adopted by the Preparatory Committees for other recent global conferences; and

(b) amendments relating to the draft Statement of Principles and Commitments and the Global Plan of Action (The Habitat Agenda) should preferably be in writing and directed at specific paragraphs of the document;

5. A list of the agenda items for the third substantive session of the Committee, with corresponding documents, is presented in Annex III.

*Annex II*

## PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND TIME-TABLE FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

| Date | Plenary | WORKING GROUP I | WORKING GROUP II |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday<br>5 February | A.M.<br>- Opening of session<br>- Adoption of the agenda<br>- Organization of work<br>- Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations<br>- Statement by the Secretary-General of the Habitat II Conference | P.M.<br>Item 3 | A.M.<br>(Immediately after the adjournment of Plenary)<br>Item 4<br>P.M.<br>Item 4 |
| Tuesday<br>6 February | | A.M.<br>Item 3<br>P.M.<br>Item 3 | A.M.<br>Item 4<br>P.M.<br>Item 4 |
| Wednesday<br>7 February | A.M.<br>Items 2 and 5<br>P.M.<br>Items 2 and 5 | - | A.M.<br>Item 4<br>P.M.<br>Item 4 |
| Thursday<br>8 February | | - | A.M.<br>Item 4<br>P.M.<br>Item 4 |
| Friday<br>9 February | | - | A.M.<br>Item 4<br>P.M.<br>Item 4 |

N.B.

1. Additional meetings of the plenary will be scheduled during the first week, as and when necessary.

2. With regard to the organization of the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second week, the Bureau will meet on Friday, 9 February to review the progress of the work of the Committee during the first week and thereafter decide on the organization of work of the Committee for the second week. The recommendations of the Bureau will be announced in the meeting rooms on Friday afternoon and subsequently reflected in the *Journal* on Monday 12 February.

*Annex III*

## LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS WITH CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

**Agenda item 1.**
Adoption of the agenda and organizational matters.
A/CONF.165/PC.3/1; A/CONF.165/PC.3/1/Add.1; A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.1; A/CONF.165/PC.3.INF.2

**Agenda item 2.**
Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and of local authorities in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision II/4 of the Preparatory Committee.

A/CONF.165/PC.3/2;

**Agenda item 3.**
Status of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II):

(a) Trust Funds;
(b) Status of review reports and of other substantive documentation to be submitted to the Conference;
(c) Public information programme;
(d) Partner forums;
(e) Organization of the Conference, including rules of procedures;
(f) Best practices and exhibition.

A/CONF.165/PC.3/3; A/CONF.165/PC.3/3/Add.1; A/CONF.165/PC.3/CRP.2; A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.3; A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.4; A/CONF.165/PC.3/INF.5

**Agenda item 4.**
Outcome of the Conference: draft statement of principles and commitments and global plan of action.

A/CONF.165/PC.3/4; A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.1; A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.2; A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.3; A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/Add.4; A/CONF.165/PC.3/4/CRP.1

**Agenda item 5.**
Provisional agenda for the Conference.
A/CONF.165/PC.3/5;

**Agenda item 6.**
Other matters

**Agenda item 7.**
Adoption of the report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.